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Kevin Sherwood Memorial Highway

On Thursday, May 20, 2004, Senate Bill 1160 passed unanimously in the House Transportation Committee. SB 1160 seeks to rename the portion of US-127 in Claire County after fallen Deputy Kevin Sherwood who was killed in the line of duty last October. Deputy Sherwood was a dedicated police officer whose commitment to protect and serve the people of Clare County was unwavering. The bill now goes before the full House for consideration.

Anti-Hazing Legislation Signed into Law

Senate Bills 783 and 784 were signed into law in a bill signing ceremony in the Governor's office on Thursday, May 20, 2004. I was joined by Senator Cassis, sponsor of SB 784, to witness this historic event. Michigan was one of only seven states without this type of anti-hazing legislation. These bills make it easier for prosecutors to try offenders and subscribe criminal penalties to those convicted of hazing. This law will help keep the next generation of Michigan's leaders safe while at school.

CORE package introduced

This week the Senate introduced a bipartisan legislative package designed to help revitalize downtowns and commerce centers across Michigan and create jobs. The Creating Opportunities for Renewed Economies - CORE - is geared toward expanding and coordinating many state economic programs to operate more effectively, as well as provide incentives for growth in our cities and villages. The package is designed to help communities across the state revitalize their central business and residential districts, initiate new growth and create job opportunities. The Senate plans to introduce additional legislation directed towards invigorating communities later this year.

Camping Guides Available

The new 2004 Michigan Campground Directories are now available. It contains great information about camping areas and activities throughout the state. If you would like a copy please contact my office; toll free, at 866-305-2135 or submit a request online at www.senate.michigan.gov/mcmanus.

Cable Show

Each month you can watch "In Touch with Northern Michigan" and hear about issues affecting the 35th District. You can see my show on:

Traverse City TV 2, Friday nights at 8 P.M.

Cadillac Cable TV, 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 7 P.M.

Manistee Cable Access, 3rd week of the month Tuesday-Friday at 8:00 P.M.

Currently airing for May is a discussion with D.A.R.E. Officer Rand Tripp about the value and positive experiences children have in the D.A.R.E. program. Next month features guest Marilyn Shy, Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts.

Contact Information

Thank you for your interest in our current state issues. If you would like to receive future legislative updates via e-mail, you can sign up at: <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/mcmanus>, you can also call my office toll free at 866-305-2135.